

FOR "THE SUN"

ROOT, THE LAWYER WELCOMED BY BAR

His Return to Private Practice
Celebrated by Banquet
at Astor.

1,350 GUESTS PRESENT

anything to help the other army, but had remained well within its intrenchments. It was now attacked in this position, which was secured almost like a fortress. Again the battle, so far as the Germans were concerned, was intended to be an encircling movement. The opponent, however, did not await the decision. The leader, Gen. Rennenkampf, famous in Russia, evacuated the position as soon as he saw that his left flank had been turned and started a precipitate retirement, which soon became a wild flight when the German commander in chief began with ruthless energy to start the pursuit, which was carried out until man and horse were completely exhausted. Thousands and thousands fell victims to German gunshot wounds. Uncounted thousands were captured. Many guns and almost the entire army material of the Russians was lost. Eastern Prussia was liberated by one blow and the victorious German Field Marshal stood upon Russian soil.

Operations in Galicia.

In the meantime the battle had also developed on the Galician front. The Austrians also had entered victoriously into Russia upon the right bank of the Weichsel (Vistula), had defeated the strong forces of Russians, meeting them in several brilliant battles, administered heavy losses to them and captured many guns and prisoners. Then, however, they met with the main body of the Russian forces, which in the meantime had got into position, and now began retreating before these in order to accept the engagement under more favorable conditions. The enemy pressed after them, occupied Lemberg and finally advanced far enough to be able to invest and besiege the fortress of Przemyśl, while at the same time they were advancing with their left wing toward the Carpathians and Hungary. They had drawn all available troops from the Caucasus, from Siberia and innermost Asia in order to have a greatly superior force. Here, then, help had to be brought.

Gen. von Hindenburg—who to-day has risen to the rank of Field Marshal—now grouped his strength in conjunction with the Austrian army, which enabled them to advance toward the Weichsel from Upper Silesia and was able to threaten both the flank and the rear of the Russian southern army as well as Warsaw. This operation immediately forced the Russian commanders also to regroup their forces. Large parts of the southern army had to be drawn upon to face the German attack; all troops which were still on the march were hurriedly advanced, to a large extent, via Warsaw; the newly organized remnants of the army defeated in East Prussia were again led into the field. In this manner it is true that the Austrians in Galicia were immediately released, to the extent that they could relieve Przemyśl and bring to a stop on the entire front the Russian attack.

The Russian army headquarters, however, succeeded in concentrating such a tremendously superior force upon the left shore of the Vistula that the weak German forces, which already had penetrated almost to Warsaw, were not able to accept a decisive engagement. Again a changed strategic grouping had to take place in order to avoid the frontal attack against largely superior forces.

Czar's Armies Checked.

The Russians, for the protection of the rear and the right wings of their main army, advancing in a southerly direction, had left comparatively small forces on the left shore of the Vistula, which at Wloclawek and Plock rested with the right wing on the river, while their cavalry was advancing against the province of Posen, but allowed itself to be held in check by weak local troops. At the same time they renewed their offensive against East Prussia, where in the meantime the Germans also had intrenched themselves in such a manner that the attacking forces were unable to attain any successes worth mentioning, and on the contrary repeatedly suffered severe setbacks. Gen. von Hindenburg now cleverly broke away from the enemy and destroyed behind him all railroads, so that the Russians by their bulky masses were no longer able properly to feed themselves until they had again established communications with their rear. In the meantime the Germans with a part of their forces had occupied strong positions in southern Poland, in which they were able to hold back much superior forces successfully, and grouped the other troops in such a manner that they were able to advance against the rear of the Russians between the Vistula and the Warta.

In a series of brilliant battles the Russian forces there concentrated were defeated and partially annihilated; the Germans victoriously advanced up along the Vistula River until near Lodz, and the Russian commander was forced to turn about with large parts of his army, advancing toward the south and west, and to strengthen his northern forces, while Hindenburg at the same time also took the offensive from the south.

Russian Losses to Date 1,500,000.

Thus the situation stands at the present time. In a victorious battle Lodz has been torn away from the Russians, Skiernewice also has been taken by the Germans; but at the Bzura and Rawa division the Russians again have taken a position and are stubbornly defending it. Here a pitiless war for position rages. The Russians in numbers still far superior are crowded together and thoroughly intrenched westward of Warsaw. The Germans and Austro-Hungarians face them in a wide semicircle. Thus the struggle for the decision goes on. In comparison with this it is of less importance that in the meanwhile the left wing of the Russians again advanced eastward of the Vistula, again besieged Przemyśl and again attempted also to penetrate into Hungary, while the Austro-Hungarian forces were obliged to weaken themselves temporarily here. This is the less important especially in view of the fact that the Austro-Hungarian forces have succeeded in attaining a brilliant victory near Limanowa and here bring to a standstill the advance of the Russian army. The circumstance that the Austro-Hungarians, after a victoriously carried out campaign against Serbia, here have been obliged to retire owing to the fact that they were compelled to draw strong forces to the north is not of decisive importance in view of the fact, quite apparent, that the Serbs lack the power for a grand offensive. According to human calculation the decision will fall westward of the Vistula, where at present a partial position war appears to develop.

Great and potent events in the very near future may bring about a situation entirely changed. One only realizes, however, the entire greatness of the successes attained in the east if one on the one hand considers that Germany and Austria-Hungary here were fighting against at least a threefold superiority of numbers, on the other hand if one pictures the trophies taken from the enemy. At the close of the year there were in our prison camps 3,575 officers and 306,294 men of the Russian armies, aside from the many prisoners which were still on the way being transported. The number of prisoners, by the way, grows from day to day. In addition to the above numbers more than a thousand cannon and about a thousand machine guns, twelve flags, uncounted wagonloads of ammunition and other army vehicles were taken. This represents an entire army that has given up its arms. The prisoners of war in Austria, without the Serbians, also may be figured at 150,000 men. The total loss of the Russians, however, to-day is probably not figured too high at 1,500,000.

Results in the West.

Similar results are to be recorded in the west. At the close of the year there were in our prison camps, of the French, 3,459 officers, 215,905 men; Belgians, 612 officers, 36,852 men; English, 492 officers, 18,821 men. In the western campaign 1,800 cannon and several hundred machine guns were captured; besides about 28,000 Englishmen and Belgians have been captured in Holland. The total loss of the French, therefore, probably will not be much less than a million; that of the English may be safely estimated at 100,000 men.

As opposed to these figures the total number of German prisoners of war in the west and east will probably be at most amount to 100,000. This gives a measure as to the successes on both sides and at least a certain measure for the probable developments of the future.

If our enemies give higher numbers than these they represent an attempt to mislead, for these figures include both civil prisoners and before they could reach Germany. As real prisoners of war, however, only such can be counted who fall into the enemy's hands in the zone of war.

It was to Elmhurst, just a plain attorney-at-law, that the New York County Lawyers Association gave a dinner yesterday evening in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Astor. Those who gathered to do honor to Mr. Root in his private capacity, for the most brilliant assemblage that has met for such a purpose in this city in many months. Even though the real purpose of the association members was to welcome former Senator Root back to their ranks as a lawyer, the speakers—and among them were a former Republican President, a former Democratic nominee for President, Senators and Judges—did not stint their praise in proclaiming his services to the country. The sixty or more years he had been in public harness.

When the managers of the dinner, began to make arrangements they first turned to the fact that William H. Taft occupied the seat at Gen. Hubbard's right. Others at the table were Joseph H. Choate, Senator James A. O'Connell, Alfred B. Culler, Edgar A. Cullen, former Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals, Judge William Bartlett, Judge Emory A. Chase, Henry Wade Rogers, Justice George J. Hughes, John J. Hughes, Judge John F. Root, Justice Joseph A. Burr, Justice Luke D. Stapleton, Frank H. Hiscock, Alphonse T. Clearwater, Justice Albert F. Jones, Adolph F. Rick, Francis Lynde Stearns and Dudley Field Malone.

Mr. Root spoke immediately after Gen. Hubbard. He said he did not feel that he had left the practice of law at all, as for the past sixteen years, even since he was summoned by President McKinley to serve as Secretary of War, he has been serving the greatest of clients, his country.

He paid a tribute to "Governor" Taft for the latter's services to the Philippines, to Gen. Leonard A. Wood for what he had done in Cuba and to George W. Davis and his successors for their work in Porto Rico. Thirty years spent as a lawyer, Mr. Root returned to the bar, to find new conditions, differing greatly from those of the days when, as a boy, he stood at the foot of the great Chateaux. (Prolonged applause.)

"We are now told that the State is everything and that the individual is nothing," he said, "and I am not sure that the question of whether there is or is not a standard of right or basis of ethics apart from the will of the majority. We must make the people of our country believe again in the integrity of their contracts. No country can have its laws enforced unless the people believe in the integrity of their contracts. The confidence that rests upon an accorded and respected view of justice is the basis of all civilization."

Other speakers were Joseph H. Choate, Senator O'Connell, Prof. Taft, Alfred B. Culler and Judge Cullen. Mr. Choate, who presided at the dinner, said in his address that "Chief Justice" had been a great honor to him, but he was tired of hearing them do it. Senator O'Connell's tribute to Root contained in it the words, "He had no equal in the history of the State." He had been a great honor to him, but he was tired of hearing them do it.

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CHICAGO NOMINEES FIGHT TO GET WOMEN'S BALLOTS

Sweitzer and Thompson Believe Suffragists Will Decide
Next Month the Successor of Mayor Carter Harrison,
Beaten for Renomination by Women.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Robert Magnus Sweitzer, fresh from a ten days vacation in the South, returned to Chicago Wednesday and immediately plunged into his campaign to succeed Carter H. Harrison, five times elected Mayor of Chicago and who went down to defeat for a renomination in the February primaries.

The Mayoralty election on April 6 will be the first in the history of the city in which women voters will have a ballot under the limited suffrage law passed by the last General Assembly, and in this his opening gun in the campaign the Democratic candidate made it clearly apparent that no stone will be left unturned by either of the contestants to arouse the feminine voters to a sense of their responsibility as citizens.

Mr. Sweitzer made his first appearance last night at a large meeting of the Illinois Women's Democratic League in the Auditorium. It was a full meeting of members, women who voted for Mayor Harrison at the primary joining with those who supported the successful nominee. Active members of the organization insist that the full membership will be a unit in the campaign.

William Hale Thompson, Republican nominee, was scheduled to launch his campaign on Friday night, but a slight illness caused him to postpone his appearance until Saturday. He is expected to remain at home all this week, but will not miss his strength for the impending contest. Meanwhile his managers are arousing enthusiasm by organizing Thompson clubs and holding impromptu meetings.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Sweitzer will be the only leading contestants for the Mayoralty. Charles M. Thompson, ex-Congressman, returned from Washington on Thursday and after consultation with progressive party leaders formally withdrew his name from the race. He is regarded as his reason that he became a candidate solely in the interests of fusion, and that a continuation of his candidacy would weaken the effect of fusion.

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TREASURY DEFICIT NOW \$105,000,000

Outlook for the Fiscal Year Is
the Worst in a Long
Time.

SLUMP IN INCOME TAX

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The Postmaster-General said that under the circumstances he will be compelled to institute economies in the service, and the bureau will take steps to reduce the expenditures as far as possible. He continued:

"Although the amount provided for the postal service for 1915 is the same as for 1914, Congress has directed that the salaries engaged in that service get an increase of salary. The resolution also directed that let salaries be reduced during the last year through no delinquency or underspending. The Postmaster-General says that the direction of Congress in these matters will be carried into effect. To do this, however, will require careful administration."

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BURLESON WILL CUT EXPENSE, NOT SERVICE

Says Congress's Action on Post
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INVESTMENTS GAIN IN RESERVE BANKS

Loans and Discounts Also In-
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